

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 872 - HB 1166**

March 9, 2001

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the assessment of court costs if the case against the defendant is dismissed.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Govt. Revenues\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000**

Under current practice, defendants are often required to pay court costs as part of a plea agreement for dismissal and disallowing the collection of court costs will result in a significant decrease in revenue for local governments. The decrease in state revenues results from eliminating arrest fees for the Department of Safety.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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